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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The applicants filed the parent application for this application with the USPTO on July 10, 2001 as Serial No. 09/902,436. On March 5, 2003 the USPTO issued a Notice of Allowance and a Supplemental Notice of Allowance was issued on May 6, 2003. The issue fee was paid on June 4, 2003.

The claims of the parent application, as allowed, claimed an adhesive composition comprising three components: a non-sulfur chlorinated polymer; a nitrile elastomer, thermoplastic acrylonitrile copolymer or mixture thereof; and an alkyl acrylate or methacrylate monomer. The claims of this application are similar to those of the parent

application. For Claims 16 - 36 a core shell impact modifier has been added to these three components and the first component now comprises a "chlorinated polymer" rather than a "non-sulfur containing chlorinated polymer." Basis for the addition of a core shell impact modifier to this composition is contained on page 21, line 11 through page 22, line 2 and Examples 6A - 6D, 7E - 7G and 13. For Claims 37 - 51 the three major components are the same as for the allowed independent claims of the parent application. Limitations on those claims have been added which are the same as the claim limitations contained in new Claims 32 - 36. No new subject matter is introduced by any of these amendments.

The applicants request that the claims of the parent application, Claims 1 through 15, be canceled prior to computation of the fee for filing the application. The new claims of the application are claims 16 through 51.